

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
SPECIALIZED CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU**

JUVENILE JUSTICE TRANSITION AFTERCARE SERVICES DIVISION

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY

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**PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER II
MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN**

The Juvenile Justice Transition Aftercare Services Division, a new comprehensive countywide aftercare unit addressing the mental health needs of Probation children and youth transitioning from the juvenile justice system to the community, is seeking dynamic, energetic, highly motivated, self-directed, organized individuals to join its professional multidisciplinary team.

On June 7, 2011, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors approved the implementation of the PEI Juvenile Justice Transition Aftercare Services program. The program will enhance and expand the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) capacity to provide mental health services for juvenile justice involved children and youth and their families. The program seeks to (1) build resiliency and protective factors that leave this population vulnerable to continued involvement in the juvenile justice system; (2) promote coping and life skills to these youth to minimize recidivism; and (3) identify mental health issues as early as possible, provide case management, and early intervention services to assist the youth successfully remain in the community.

Evidence Based Practices (EBP) services are delivered by directly operated aftercare staff in community non-traditional settings (i.e. Probation area offices/Day Report Centers, schools, faith organizations, parks and recreational centers, community agencies) throughout all eight (8) service areas. Aftercare staffs collaborate with Probation Department camp and aftercare field Deputy Probation Officers, and camp mental health staff to identify youth who show signs of behavioral/emotional difficulties and are at-risk of continued contact with the juvenile justice system. Aftercare staff will coordinate case management and linkage services to community resources. The program unit will collect, maintain, and analyze outcome data and report on the outcome results.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge and experience delivering clinical services and evidence-based treatment models to children, youth, and families, particularly juvenile justice youth;
- Ability to establish collaborative working relationships with program partners (i.e. Probation Department, community organizations, school districts, etc.);
- Excellent organizational, interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills;
- Ability to work on a multidisciplinary team and in an interagency environment;
- Ability to function both independently in the field and collaboratively in a team environment with high pace demands;
- Proficiency in use of databases such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Access and Outlook;
- Bilingual Spanish language proficiency;
- Ability and willingness to travel throughout Los Angeles County including Probation camps in the course of performing the duties of the position;
- Excellent attendance, reliable, flexible, and the ability to work under pressure.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

- Provide culturally-competent direct services utilizing EBPs, including assessment, individual, family and group therapy, crisis intervention, and case management;
- Assess consumers' level of functioning and readiness for participation in an EBP.
- Collect and evaluate client and program outcome data;
- Participate in a interagency multidisciplinary treatment team conferences, quality assurance, quality improvement, and case review activities;
- Collaborate and consult with Probation, School district, and community partners;
- Participate in ongoing training and supervision required by the EBP developer and DMH;
- Travel to community service delivery sites to provide EBP mental health services. Additionally, travel to Probation camp facilities to participate in Multidisciplinary Team meetings.

Interested individuals who currently hold the title of Mental Health Clinician, or Psychiatric Social Worker may fax a detailed resume, last two (2) Performance Evaluations, and last two (2) years of master time records by **September 28, 2011** to:

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